

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were originally filed in the present case. Claims 1-20 are cancelled herein, without prejudice. This cancellation is made to further Applicants business interests and expedite the prosecution of the present case, and is not made in view of Patent Office rejections. Applicants reserved the right to prosecute the cancelled claims (or similar claims) in the future. New claims 21-24 are added. Support for these claims is found, for example, on pages 22-23 of the specification.

Each of the Examiner's objections and rejections is addressed below.

1) Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as requiring additional features found in the claims. In particular, the Examiner has stated that specific elements from claims 1-20 should be added to the drawings. Applicants disagree. The present invention can be understood without reference to the drawings. Therefore, no such changes are required. However, in view of the cancellation of claims 1-20, this objection is rendered moot.

2) Abstract

The Examiner has requested that a substitute abstract be filed to include terminology found in the claims. Applicants have amended the Abstract to include a description of the presently claimed subject matter.

3) Novelty and Obviousness rejections

The Examiner has rejected the claims as being anticipated or obvious in view of a number of references. Applicants disagree. However, these rejections are rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1-20. None of the rejections pertain to new claims 21-24. In particular, the new claims describe software that is configured to convert text information generated by different captioning software protocols into ASCII format. The claims also describe software that is configured to send text information over an Internet without the use of a serial IP device attached to a serial port of the computer. None of the references cited by the Examiner teach or suggest these elements.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' claims should be passed to allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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